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SUBJ: IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN U.S.

1. DEPT. AND AEC CURRENTLY DISCUSSING WITH U.S. NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL (NRC OF NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES) EXISTING CONTRACT WITH AEC UNDER WHICH NRC ADMINISTERS IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM IN U.S., INCLUDING BOTH TYPES I AND II FELLOWS AS WELL AS SCIENTIFIC VISITORS PROGRAM. DISCUSSIONS HAVE REVEALED POSSIBLE NEED TO INCREASE FUNDS ABOVE DOLS 50,000 CURRENTLY AUTHORIZED ANNUALLY FOR PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION (INCREASE STAFF FROM TWO TO THREE, OVERHEAD, ETC.,) AND TO ALLOW INCREASED FUNDS FOR EACH FELLOW DUE RISING COSTS TUITION, TRAVEL, BOOKS, AND STIPENDS.

2. IN REVIEWING WORKLOAD NRC STAFF HANDLING IAEA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM, DEPT. AND AEC NOTED NUMBER TYPE I FELLOWS (FOR WHOM NRC PROVIDES CERTAIN ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT ON BEHALF IAEA) IS INCREASING. MORE SIGNIFICANT INCREASE NOTED, HOWEVER, IN NUMBER IAEA-SPONSORED SCIENTIFIC VISITORS FOR WHOM NRC PROVIDES FAIRLY EXTENSIVE ASSISTANCE AND WHICH IS NOT PROVIDED FOR IN AEC-NRC CONTRACT ON TYPE II FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM. LEVEL OF SUCH VISITORS UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS BEEN ABOUT FIVE ANNUALLY BUT IN 1973 NUMBER ROSE TO ABOUT

17. IN CONSIDERING FUTURE LEVEL ACTIVITY FOR FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AND EXTENT WHICH NRC WILL BE REIMBURSED FOR COST ADMINISTERING PROGRAM, WE AND NRC INTERESTED IN KNOWING AGENCY PLANS FOR FUTURE SCIENTIFIC VISITORS PROGRAM, I.E., WILL IT CONTINUE AT 1973 LEVEL AND POSSIBLY EXPAND FURTHER. WHILE NRC RAISED POSSIBILITY TRANSFERRING RESPONSIBILITY FOR VISITORS PROGRAM TO ANOTHER GROUP, DEPT. AND AEC INCLINED BELIEVE NRC BEST QUALIFIED CONTINUE THIS PROGRAM WHICH DEMANDS CONSIDERABLE STAFF TIME BUT FOR WHICH NRC HAS RECEIVED NO RECOGNITION NOR REIMBURSEMENT. MISSION COMMENTS ON AGENCY PLANS FOR FUTURE SCIENCE VISITOR PROGRAM WOULD BE HELPFUL SOONEST.  
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